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SUBJ: CHINESE STUDENT COMMENTS ON JUNE 24 LAD SPECIAL COMMENTATOR  
ARTICLE

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1. A WEST EUROPEAN COLLEAGUE RELATED TO USLO GIST OF A  
CONVERSATION BETWEEN A UNIVERSITY STUDENT MAJORING IN PHILOSOPHY AND  
HIS FOREIGN ROOMMATE ON CURRENT IDEOLOGICAL TRENDS IN  
THE PRC. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE JUNE 24 LIBERATION ARMY  
SPECIAL COMMENTATOR ARTICLE BY HIS FOREIGN ROOMMATE, THE  
CHINESE STUDENT REPLIED SERIOUSLY WITHOUT HESITATION:  
-THE WORD IS GOING AROUND THAT  
EMPIRICISM IS SUPERIOR TO MARXISM." HE SAID THAT "THEORY  
IS CORRECT IF IT BRINGS RESULTS. REVOLUTION CAN ONLY  
BE SUCCESSFUL IF IT CAN DELIVER THE GOODS.

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2. COMMENT: THE STUDENTS COMMENTS APPEAR TO  
ACCURATELY SUM UP THE KEY POINT OF THE JUNE 24  
LIBERATION ARMY DAILY ARTICLE: THEORY MUST REFLECT  
REALITY AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE MODERNIZATION OF CHINA.

IF THIS TREND CONTINUES, WE WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL BE BEFORE  
TENG HSIAO-PING'S CONTROVERSIAL QUOTE "IT DOESN'T

MATTER IF THE CAT IS BLACK OR WHITE, AS LONG AS IT  
CATCHES MICE" WILL REAPPEAR.  
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